



Crop Report

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For the Period April 24 to 30, 2012

Two per cent of the 2012 crop has been seeded, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report.

Provincially, seven per cent of the peas, three per cent of the lentils and two per cent of the spring wheat and durum have been seeded to date. The southwestern region has six per cent of the acres seeded, while the southeast has three per cent.

Rain has been recorded in most regions of the province during the past week, delaying seeding operations. The week's precipitation has ranged from trace amounts to over 50 mm. Most of the areas in the southwestern, west-central and northwestern regions that were indicating dry conditions last week received significant moisture this week.

Cropland topsoil moisture across the province is rated as 16 per cent surplus, 81 per cent adequate and three per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 14 per cent surplus, 80 per cent adequate, five per cent short and one per cent very short.

Crop reporters are indicating that, although the majority of winter wheat and fall rye crops are in good condition, four per cent of the winter wheat and two per cent of the fall rye have some winter or spring weather-related damage.

Farmers are busy seeding, calving and controlling weeds.

One year ago
Less than one per cent of the 2011 crop had been seeded. A late season snow storm dropped significant amounts of precipitation in the southeast region.

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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)

Three per cent of the 2012 crop has been seeded. Producers have seven per cent of the peas, four per cent of the lentils and one per cent of wheat and durum in the ground. At this point, crop reporters are indicating six per cent of the acres will not be seeded this spring due to excess moisture issues carried over from the past couple of years.

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Three days of rain has left resulted in significant moisture in some areas, delaying seeding operations. The Frobisher area received 34 mm of rain, the Gainsborough area 19 mm, the Broadview area 25 mm, the Windthorst area 12 mm, the Weyburn area 9 mm, the Moose Jaw area 29 mm, the Wilcox area 6 mm and the Radville area 12 mm. The Tantallon and Indian Head areas have recorded the greatest amount of precipitation for the region since April 1 (95 and 94 mm, respectively). Some crop reporters have indicated warm and dry weather is needed as fields cannot handle much more precipitation before excess moisture becomes an issue again.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 34 per cent surplus, 64 per cent adequate and two per cent short. In CDs 1A and 1B, 76 and 70 per cent, respectively, of the cropland has surplus topsoil moisture. Pasture and hay land topsoil moisture conditions are 26 per cent surplus, 73 per cent adequate and one per cent short.

The majority of winter wheat and fall rye crops are in good condition. There are a few reports of winter damage and flooding damage from last fall. Four per cent of the winter wheat and three per cent of the fall rye have incurred some winter or spring damage.

The wet conditions have caused some calving issues for livestock producers.

Farmers are busy working fields, seeding and calving.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)

Six per cent of the 2012 crop is in the ground. Thirteen per cent of the field peas, four per cent of the lentils, three per cent of the durum and two per cent of the spring wheat have been seeded. At this point, crop reporters are indicating two per cent of the acres will not be seeded due to excess moisture issues.

Significant amounts of rain, ranging from 2 mm to 59 mm, fell on most areas of the region, helping to recharge the once-dry soil. The Glentworth area reported 23 mm of rain, the Lisieux area 9 mm, the Eyebrow and Central Butte areas 22 mm, the Spring Valley area 12 mm, the Cadillac area 55 mm, the Glenbain area 27 mm, the Stewart Valley area 28 mm, the Gull Lake area 59 mm and the Hazlet area 44 mm. The amount of rainfall has varied widely across the region. Since April 1, the Chaplin area has received 18 mm and the Cadillac area has received 99 mm of precipitation.

Crop reporters have indicated cropland topsoil moisture conditions are six per cent surplus, 93 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Hay land and pasture moisture conditions are four per cent surplus, 90 per cent adequate and six per cent short.

The majority of winter wheat and fall rye crops have come out of the winter looking good. Only four per cent of the winter wheat and one per cent of the fall rye have any winter damage or flooding damage from last fall.

Farmers are busy seeding, controlling weeds, calving and getting machinery ready.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6a)

Farmers are just getting started in the fields and have one per cent of the total 2012 crop seeded. Six per cent of the field peas and five per cent of the spring wheat have been seeded. At this time, six per cent of the cropland in the region is not expected to be seeded due to excess moisture problems.

Rain fell in varying amounts over the past week, with CD 6A receiving most of the moisture. The Abernethy area reported 12 mm of rain, the Goodeve area 10 mm, the Raymore area 4 mm, the Foam Lake area 9 mm, the Imperial area 26 mm, the Kenaston area 24 mm, the Earl Grey area 5 mm and the Kuroki area reported trace amounts. Since April 1, the Goodeve and Elfros areas have received 128 and 108 mm of precipitation, respectively.

Crop reporters in CD 5A are indicating field conditions are quite wet and the recent rain has further delayed seeding. Most fields in CD 5B were in good condition for seeding, however the recent rain has postponed seeding in some areas. Most crop reporters in CD 6A are glad to see the moisture, as topsoil was quite dry.

Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 26 per cent surplus, 71 per cent adequate and three per cent short. In CD 5A, 62 per cent of the cropland has surplus of topsoil moisture. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 32 per cent surplus, 62 per cent adequate and six per cent short.

The majority of winter wheat and fall rye crops have come out of the winter looking good. There are a few reports of winter damage and flooding damage from last fall. The region is reporting four and two per cent winter or spring damage on winter wheat and fall rye, respectively.

Farmers are busy cleaning grain, working on machinery and calving.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)

Farmers in the region have one per cent of this year's total crop in the ground. Three per cent of the field peas are seeded. Producers have started seeding lentils, wheat and durum.

Significant rainfall during the past week has helped recharge dry soil in much of the region. The Perdue area reported 35 mm of rain, the Hanley area 14 mm, the Dinsmore area 17 mm, the Kindersley area 56 mm, the Harris area 38 mm, the D'Arcy area 31 mm, the Luseland area 48 mm, the Landis area 34 mm and the Kerrobert area 21 mm.

Crop reporters are indicating cropland topsoil moisture conditions are five per cent surplus, 92 per cent adequate and three per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are three per cent surplus, 92 per cent adequate and five per cent short.

Winter cereals look to be in good condition for the most part. The region is reporting four per cent winter or spring damage on winter wheat and fall rye.

Farmers are busy harrowing, applying anhydrous ammonia, controlling weeds and working on equipment.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)

Producers have started seeding peas and wheat in a few areas in the region.

Varying amounts of rain fell in the region this past week. The Tisdale and Melfort areas received 5 mm of rain, the Porcupine Plain area 3 mm, the Vonda area 12 mm, the Prince Albert area 18 mm and the Garrick area 3 mm.

Twenty-three per cent of the cropland has surplus topsoil moisture, while 77 per cent has adequate moisture. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 18 per cent surplus and 82 per cent adequate. Crop reporters in CD 9AE are indicating 60 per cent of the cropland has surplus topsoil moisture.

The majority of the limited number of acres that were put into winter cereals last fall look to be in good condition. The region is reporting three per cent winter or spring damage on winter wheat.

Farmers are busy calving, preparing machinery and controlling weeds.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)

A few producers have started seeding. There are reports of wheat and canola being put into the ground.

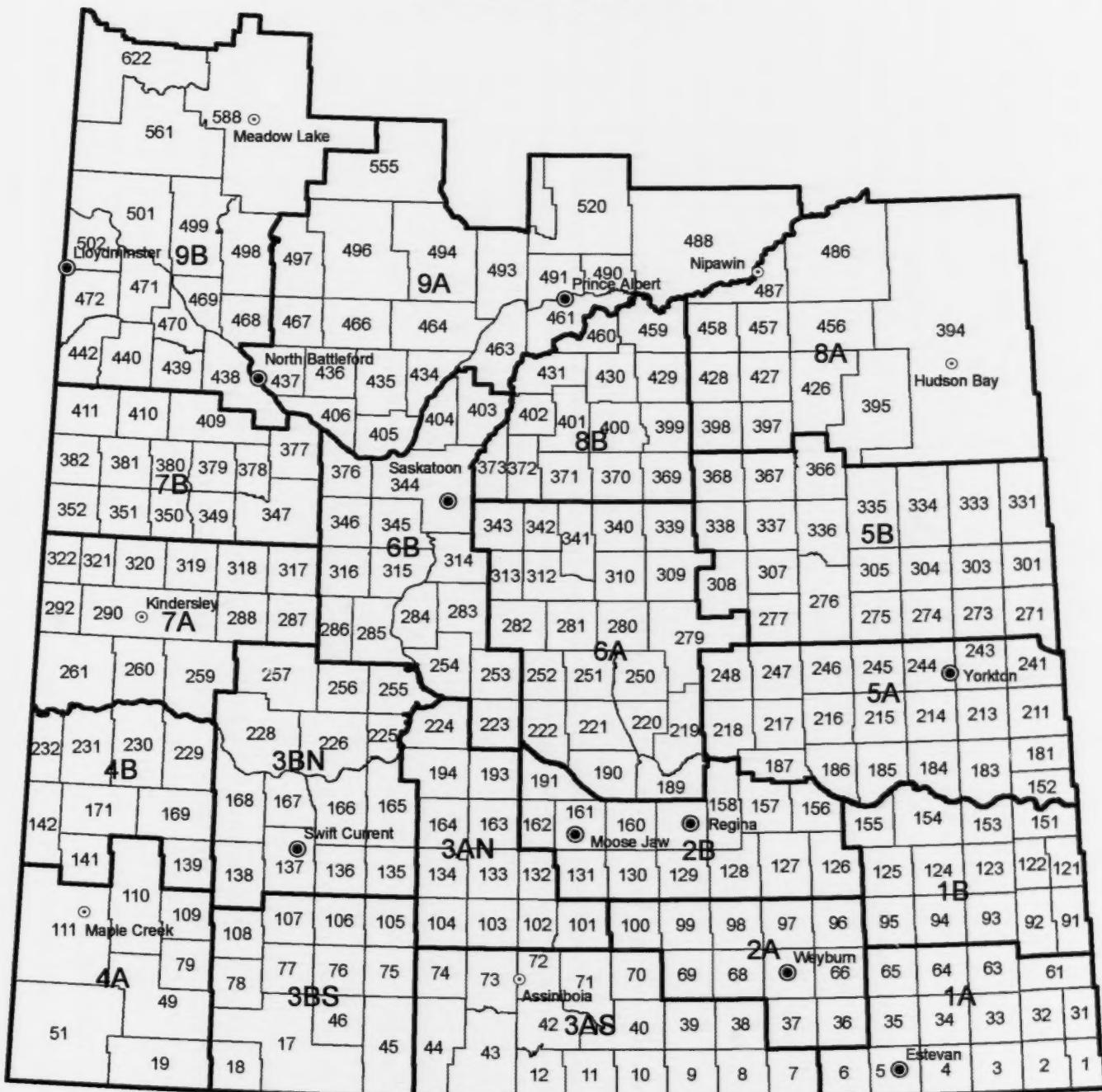
The region received some much-anticipated moisture this past week, alleviating the dry conditions in some areas. The Radisson area received 17 mm of rain, the Speers area 22 mm, the Hafford area 26 mm, the North Battleford area 33 mm, the Edam area 19 mm, the Frenchman Butte area 49 mm, the Pierceland area 26 mm and the Meadow Lake area 10 mm. In some areas in the northern part of the region soil is fairly wet, which will delay seeding somewhat.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 87 per cent adequate and 11 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 82 per cent adequate, 13 per cent short and five per cent very short.

The majority of the limited number of acres put into winter cereals last fall look to be in good condition. Only two per cent of the winter wheat and one per cent of the fall rye have experienced any winter or spring damage.

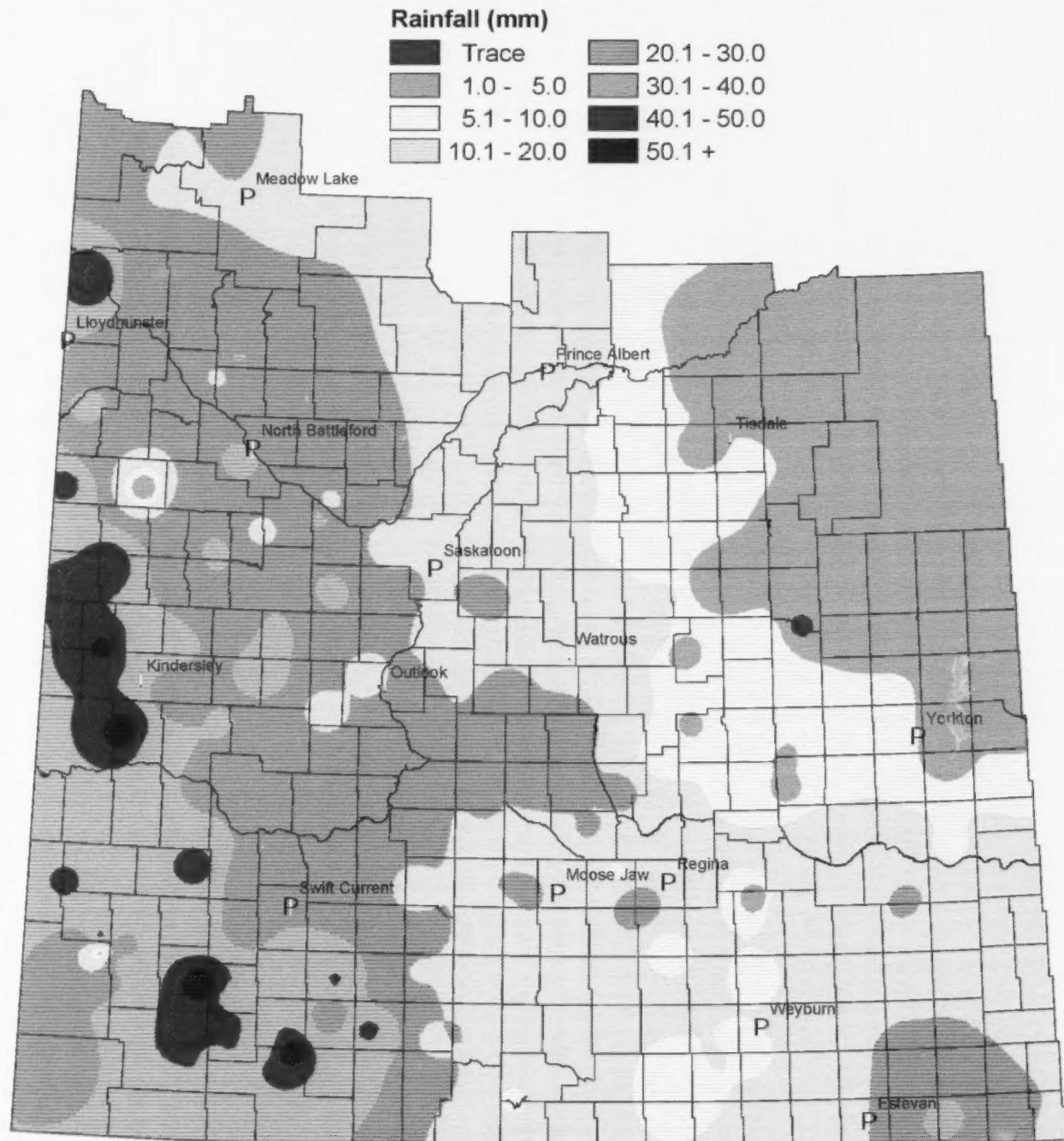
Farmers are busy calving, heavy harrowing, cleaning grain and doing pre-seeding field work.

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending April 30, 2012



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period April 24 to 30, 2012

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	1	Argyle	19	46	4A	19	Frontier	35	62	7B	347 A	Biggar	21.5	45
	2	Mount Pleasant	22	58		49	White Valley	40	44		347 B	Biggar	N/A	NIL
	3	Enniskillen	34	72		51	Reno	20.9	36		350 A	Mapleosa	26	27
	33	Moose Creek	28	71		79	Arlington	45	58		350 B	Mapleosa	21	28
	34	Browning	21	64		109	Carmichael	59	73		351	Progress	48	55
	81 A	Antler	N/A	N/A		110	Plapd	32	37		352	Heart's Hill	43	43
	81 B	Antler	N/A	NIL		111	Maple Creek	2	2		377	Glenside	28	47
	83	Moose Mountain	20	81	4B	139	Gulf Lake	31	45		378 A	Rosemount	25	46
	84	Brock	21	69		141	Big Stick	42	53		378 B	Rosemount	16	39
	85	Tecumseh	20	51		142	Enterprise	41	47		379	Reford	34	49
1B	91	Maryfield	14	61		169	Pithville	44	48		381	Grace Lake	37	37
	92	Walpole	N/A	65		231	Happyland	N/A	5		409 A	Buffalo	29	43
	95	Golden West	12	65	5A	183	Fertile Bell	8	83		409 B	Buffalo	23	32
	122	Marlin	15	79		188	Abernethy	12	67		410	Round Valley	0.9	1
	123	Silverwood	18	67		211	Churchbridge	6	43		411	Senlac	42	47
	124	Kingaley	10	57		213	Saltooth	3	67	8A	305	Porcupine	3	75
	151 A	Rocanville	17	95		214	Cana	N/A	N/A		367	Barrier Valley	N/A	35
	151 B	Rocanville	20	72		216	Tullymet	3	72		428	Star City	4	60
	153	Willowdale	N/A	N/A		217	Lipton	8	76		458	Arborfield	3	73
	154	Elapo	25	78		241	Calder	3	28		457	Connaught	5	69
	155	Woldesley	16	88		243	Wallace	3	20		458	Willow Creek	2	42
2A	86	Griffin	N/A	N/A		245 A	Garry	N/A	N/A		468	Moose Range	1	42
	87	Weyburn	9	29		245 B	Garry	10	128		487	Nipawin	4	95
	88	Breakshenell	9	35		245 C	Garry	9	97	8B	360	St. Peter	5	50
	89	Norton	N/A	N/A		248	Ituna Bon Accord	3	95		370	Humboldt	8	48
	97	Wellington	8	34		247	Kelross	7	88		371	Bayme	10	35
2B	127 A	Frands	15	58		248	Touchwood	4	34		372	Grant	11.8	32
	127 B	Frands	0.4	18	5B	271	Cole	1	38		402	Fish Creek	11	32
	129	Bratt's Lake	6.5	32		278	Foam Lake	N/A	85		429	Flett's Springs	5	34
	131	Baldon	18	23		277	Emerson	9	107		459	Kinistino	10	40
	156	Indian Head	19.5	94		305	Invermay	1	44		480	Birch Hills	N/A	N/A
	160 A	Pense	12	29		307	Eltros	7	108	8AE	481	Prince Albert	12.9	47
	160 B	Pense	8.5	28		308	Big Quill	2	71		488	Torch River	3	9
	161	Moose Jaw	29	49		333 A	Clayton	3	53		491	Buckland	18	50
	162	Caron	25	66		334	Preeceville	1	30	8AW	408	Mayfield	17	45
	191	Marquis	15	34		338	Sasman	NIL	103		435	Redberry	26	66
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	12	36		337	Lakeview	2	63		436	Douglas	22	46
	38 B	Laurier	7	33		338	Lakeside	1	57		463	Duck Lake	16	43
	39 A	The Gap	6	45		368	Kelvington	1	82		484	Lesk	N/A	15
	39 B	The Gap	8	42	6A	190 A	Dufferin	20	46		467 A	Round Hill	N/A	16
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	11	59		190 B	Dufferin	21	46		467 B	Round Hill	N/A	27
	12	Poplar Valley	N/A	25		190 C	Dufferin	10	34		494	Carwood	17	56
	40	Bengough	N/A	11		190 D	Dufferin	N/A	47		467	Medstead	N/A	23
	42	Willow Bunch	9	29		219	Longlaketon	5	44	98	438	Battle River	33	51
	43	Old Post	10	23		220	McLillop	23	56		440	Hindale	20	23
	44	Waverley	23	53		221	Samla	25.6	55		442	Manitou Lake	31.9	38
	70	Key West	N/A	23		222	Craik	24	61		468 B	Meota	19	38
	71	Excel	N/A	14		251	Big Arm	24	57		498 A	Parkdale	32	73
	73 A	Stonehenge	20.8	28		252	Arm River	23	45		498 B	Parkdale	22	36
	73 B	Stonehenge	15	48		279	Mount Hope	7	37		499	Marvin	22	46
	74	Wood River	17	37		282	McCrane	24	37		501 A	Frenchman Butte	23	50
3AN	101	Terrell	12	42		309	Prairie Rose	13	75		501 B	Frenchman Butte	21	37
	102	Lake Johnston	12.6	42		313	Lost River	N/A	15		501 C	Frenchman Butte	49	66
	103	Sutton	15	38		339	Leroy	10.8	82		561	Loon Lake	22	40
	104	Gravelbourg	19	21		340	Wolverine	16	43		588 A	Meadow Lake	10	30
	132	Hillsborough	16	36		341	Viscount	N/A	10		588 B	Meadow Lake	10	39
	134	Shamrock	20	34		343	Blucher	23.5	47		588 C	Meadow Lake	N/A	22
	164	Chaplin	18	18		283	Rosedale	14	32		588 D	Meadow Lake	23.7	42
	193 A	Eyebrow	13	40	6B	284	Rudy	23	43		622	Beaver River	26	46
	193 B	Eyebrow	22	62		285	Fertile Valley	18	43					
	194	Enfield	22	40		286	Milden	17	36					
3BS	17	Val Marie	55	99		314	Dundurn	15	33					
	18	Lone Tree	N/A	N/A		344	Cormar Park	17	31					
	45	Mankota	35	60		348	Pendue	35	66					
	75 A	Pinto Creek	43	73		378 A	Eagle Creek	24	47					
	75 B	Pinto Creek	38	58		378 B	Eagle Creek	33	61					
	76 A	Auvergne	26	48		403	Rosthern	14	32					
	76 B	Auvergne	28	54		259	Snipe Lake	30.5	51					
	77	Wise Creek	35	57	7A	260 A	Newcombe	31.5	49					
	78 A	Grassy Creek	44	61		260 B	Newcombe	56	66					
	78 B	Grassy Creek	35	62		287	St. Andrews	34	51					
	78 C	Grassy Creek	51	65		268	Pleasant Valley	35	53					
	105	Glenbain	27	49		290	Kindersley	22	22					
	106	Whiska Creek	41	55		292	Milton	47.5	59					
	107	Lac Pelletier	35	53		317 A	Marriott	38	38					
	108	Bone Creek	37	50		317 B	Marriott	20	43					
3BN	138	Webb	26	38		318	Mountain View	25	47					
	166	Excelsior	23	46		320 A	Oakdale	39.5	50					
	167	Sask. Landing	27.8	44		320 B	Oakdale	38	47					
	188	Riverside	22	37		321	Prairieale	52	65					
	226	Victory	22	31										
	228	Laadena	27	37										
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Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R. M.

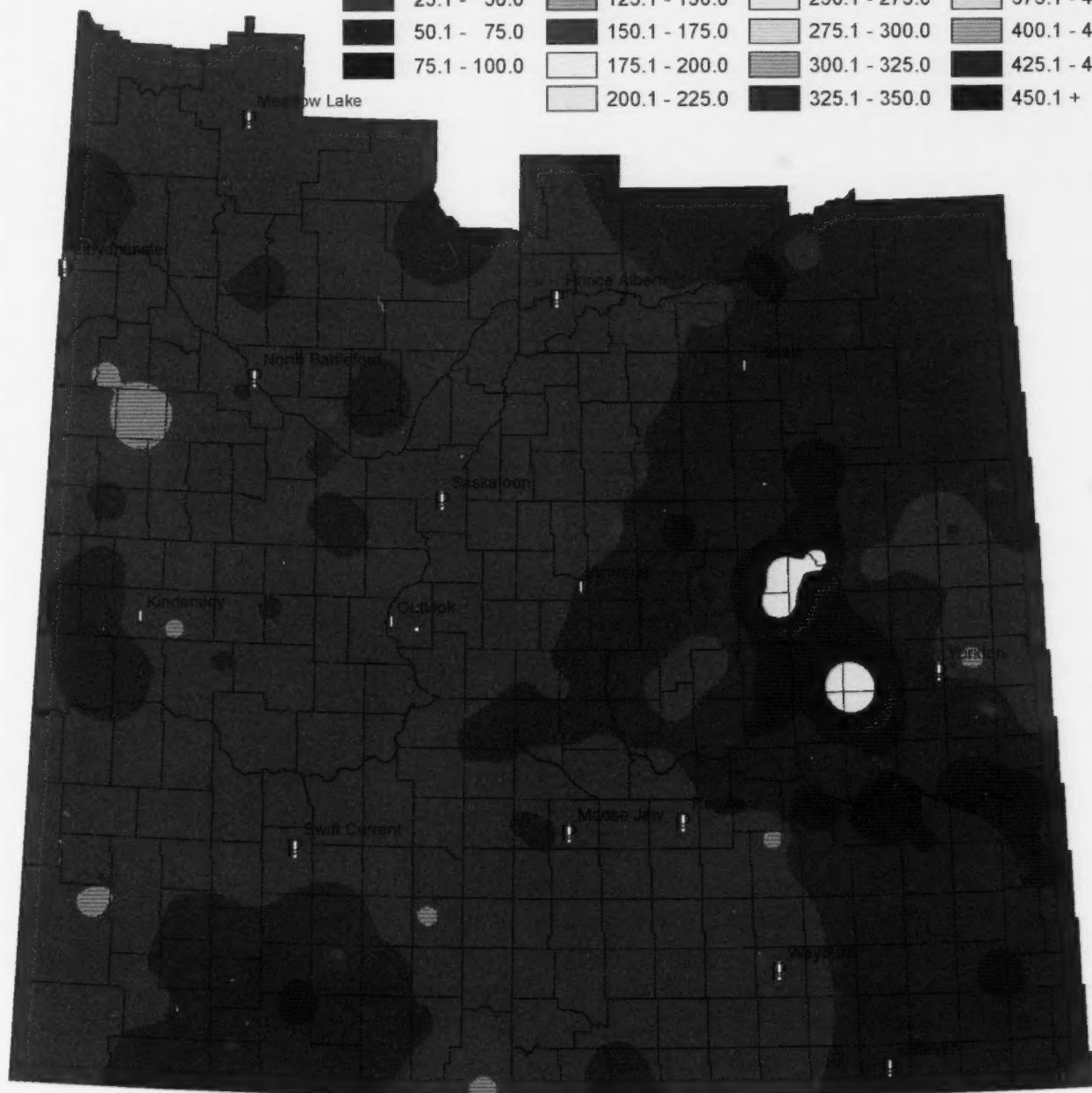
Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2012

To: April 30, 2012

Rainfall (mm)

0.0 - 25.0	100.1 - 125.0	225.1 - 250.0	350.1 - 375.0
25.1 - 50.0	125.1 - 150.0	250.1 - 275.0	375.1 - 400.0
50.1 - 75.0	150.1 - 175.0	275.1 - 300.0	400.1 - 425.0
75.1 - 100.0	175.1 - 200.0	300.1 - 325.0	425.1 - 450.0
	200.1 - 225.0	325.1 - 350.0	450.1 +



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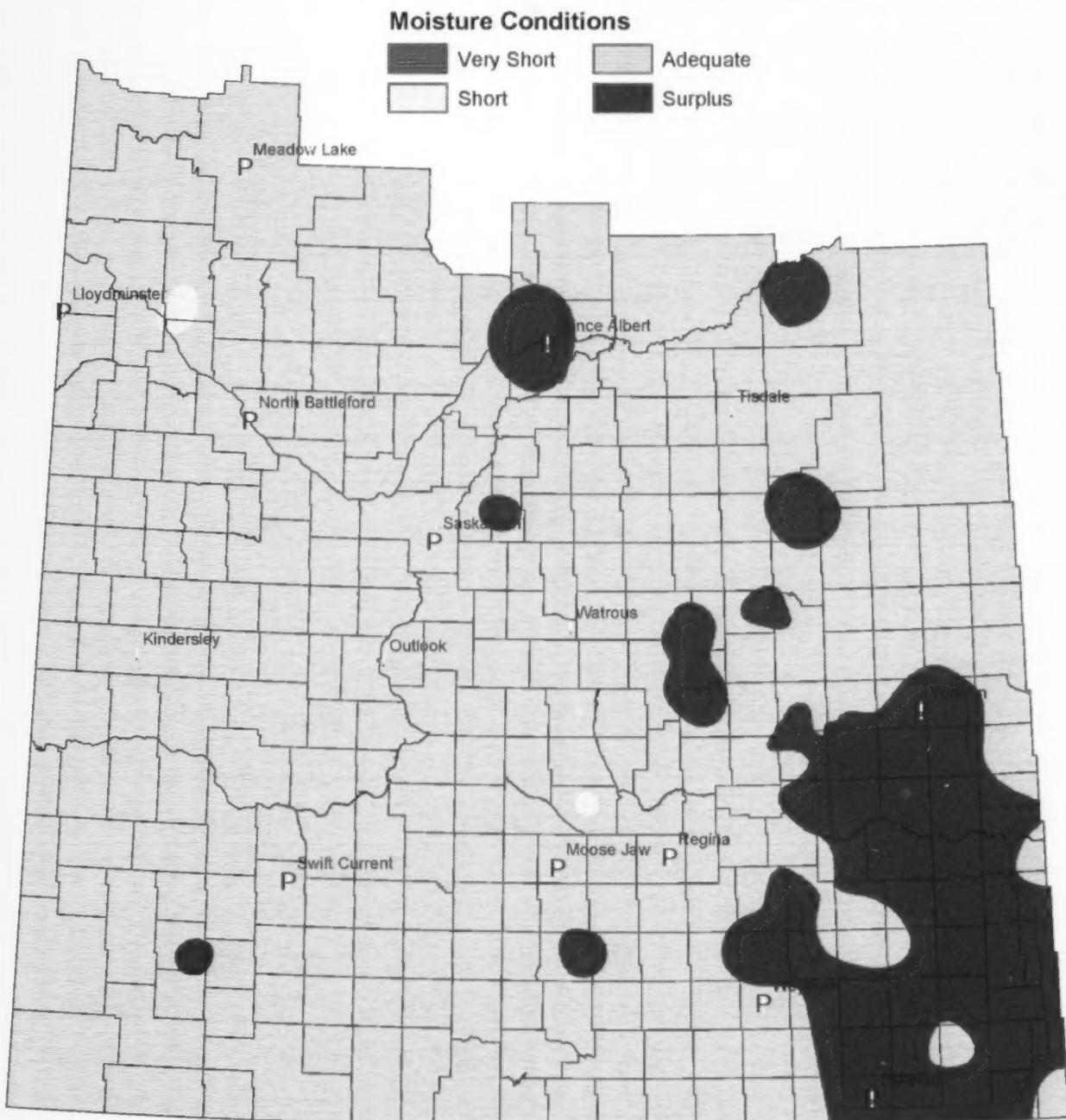
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Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

May 1, 2012



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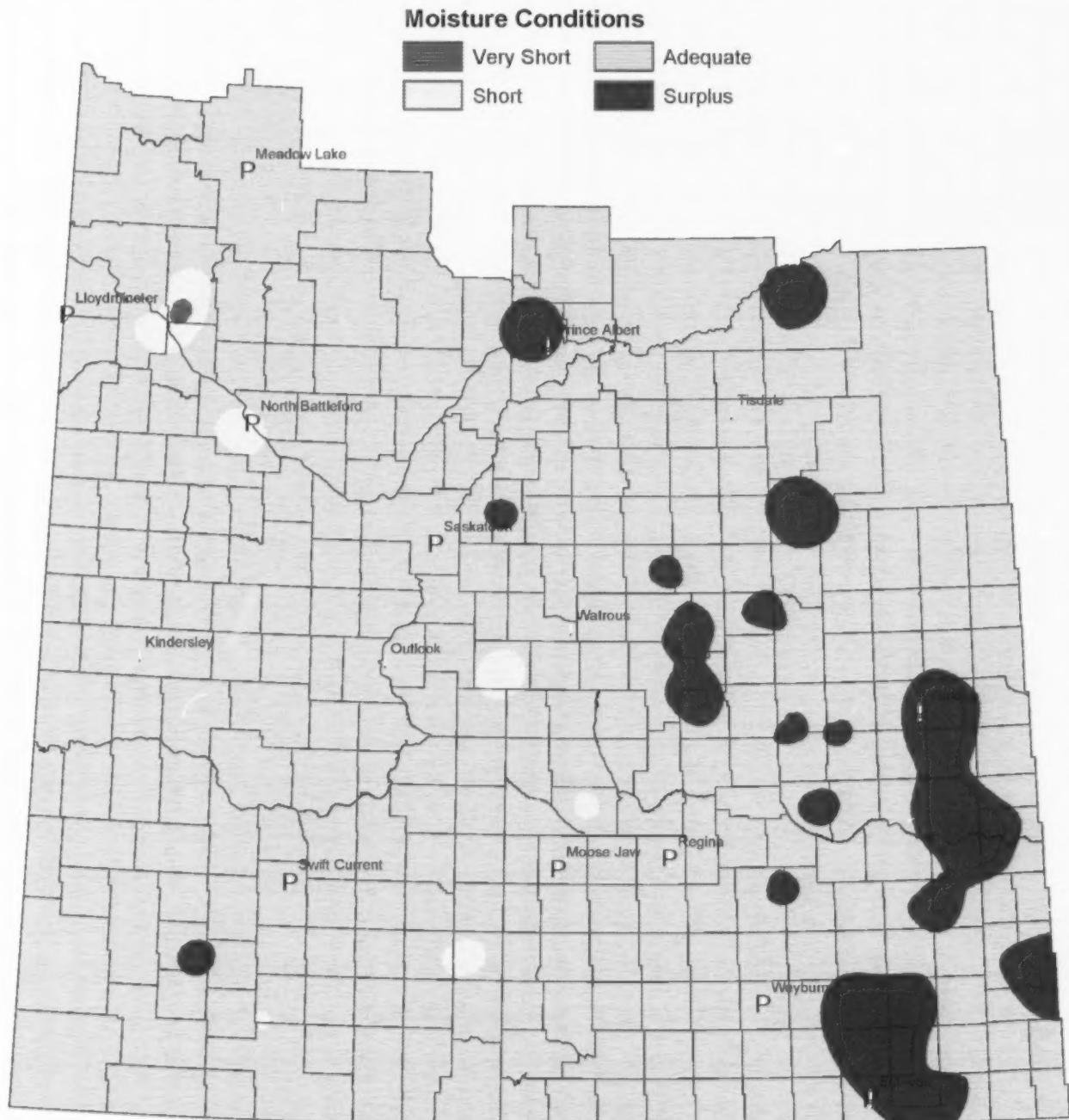
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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

May 1, 2012



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